Amendments To The Claims:

What is claimed is:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An expandable intraluminal stent for implantation in a blood vessel comprising:

a main body portion having ~~a metal surface, wherein the surface has~~ a first end portion, a second end portion and a middle portion, wherein each of the first end portion, the second end portion and the middle portion have a metal outer surface and a metal inner surface;

a flow passage defined therethrough; and

a biocompatible coating directly on at least the metal outer surface of the first end portion ~~of the metal surface~~ of the main body portion, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises a polymer or a drug, and wherein the metal outer surface and the metal inner surface of the middle portion ~~of the surface is~~ are free of ~~any~~ the biocompatible coating ~~material when the stent is implanted~~.

Claims 2-90. (Canceled)

Claim 91. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises apertures or perforations.

Claim 92. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the biocompatible coating comprises a plurality of layers comprising at least one coating material.

Claim 93. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 92, wherein the plurality of layers comprises the same coating material.

Claim 94. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 92, wherein the plurality of layers comprises different coating materials.

Claim 95. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the polymer is a bioadhesive.

Claim 96. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the polymer comprises a gel-like material.

Claim 97. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the drug is paclitaxel, an RGD peptide-containing compound, tranilast, trapidel, probucol, or a combination thereof.

Claim 98. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the main body portion has a first end portion, a middle portion and a second end portion, and wherein the first end portion of the main body portion is more flexible than the middle portion of the main body portion.

Claim 99. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the main body portion has a first end portion, a middle portion and a second end portion, and wherein the first end portion of the main body portion and middle portion of the main body portion are comprised of a mesh, and wherein the mesh of the first end portion is looser than the mesh of the middle portion.

Claim 100. (Previously presented) The stent of claim 1, wherein the stent is balloon-expandable.

Claim 101. (Previously presented) The stent of claim1, wherein the metal comprises stainless steel.

Claim 102. (Withdrawn) The stent of claim 98, wherein the first end portion is made of a first metal, and the middle portion is made of a second metal; and wherein the first metal is more flexible than the second metal.

Claim 103. (Withdrawn) The stent of claim 102 wherein the second end portion is made of the first metal.

Claim 104. (Withdrawn) The stent of claim 102 wherein the second end portion is made of a third metal, and wherein the third metal is more flexible than the second metal.

Claim 105. (New) The stent of claim 1 wherein the biocompatible coating comprises Tranilast.

Claim 106. (New) The stent of claim 1 wherein the biocompatible coating comprises Tropidil.

Claim 107. (New) The stent of claim 1 wherein the biocompatible coating comprises Probucol.

Claim 108. (New) A stent having an outer metal surface, a first end portion and a second end portion and a middle portion, the first end portion having a biocompatible coating comprising a polymer or a drug disposed on the outer metal surface, wherein the biocompatible coating does not extend onto the outer metal surface of the middle portion of the stent.